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SUBJECT: NATO CONSULTATIONS ON ESTABLISHMENT OF
FACILITIES IN EAST BERLIN

REF: A) STATE 64689; B) USNATO 1703

1. AT APRIL 10 BONN GROUP MEETING, US REP REPORTED
BELGIAN INTEREST IN NATO CONSULTATIONS ON ESTABLISH-
MENT OF ALLIED DIPLOMATIC FACILITIES IN EAST BERLIN
AS WELL AS DEPARTMENT' S VIEW THAT US WOULD NOT
OBJECT TO SUCH CONSULTATIONS (REFTELS). UK REP
INITIALLY TOOK FIRM LINE THAT THESE CONSULTATIONS
SHOULD BE CARRIED OUT IN CAPITALS OR IN BONN OR BERLIN.
US AND FRG REPS, SUPPORTED MILDLY BY FRENCH REP,
ARGUED THAT OUR PROVIDING A FACTUAL REPLY TO THE
QUESTION WHICH THE BELGIANS HAD POSED (USNATO 1703)
SEEMED A REASONABLE MANNER OF MEETING THE PRESSURE FOR
CONSULTATIONS. UK REP RELUCTANTLY AGREED TO THIS
APPROACH. US SIDE AGREED TO PROVIDE INITIAL DRAFT FOR
GROUP' S CONSIDERATION ON APRIL 18, WITH VIEW TO HAVING
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IT FORWARDED, ONCE AGREED IN BONN GROUP, FOR PRESENTATION IN APPROPRIATE NATO FORUM.

2. THE US SUGGESTION THAT PROVISION OF MORE GENERAL INFORMATION ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF FACILITIES IN EAST BERLIN (STATE 64689) MIGHT BE DESIRABLE WAS MET WITH STRONG OPPOSITION BY BOTH UK AND FRENCH REPS. UK REP SAID MOST OF THE NATO ALLIES WERE ALREADY ESTABLISHED IN EAST BERLIN AND HENCE HE SAW NO NEED FOR EXCHANGES OF INFORMATION AFTER THE FACT. IF ANY ALLIES WISHED TO KNOW HOW TO APPROACH DEALINGS WITH THE GDR, THIS WAS A MATTER FOR BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS IN CAPITALS. FRENCH REP SUPPORTED THIS VIEW.

3. SUBSEQUENT TO BONN GROUP MEETING, US REP QUERIED FRENCH AND UK REPS AS TO THEIR VIEWS ON DESIRABILITY OF PRESENTATION IN NATO ON NOMENCLATURE TO BE USED BY ALLIED EMBASSIES IN EAST BERLIN (PARA 5, STATE 63536). NEITHER EVINCED ANY INTEREST, BELIEVING THAT NOMENCLATURE WAS SOMETHING THAT WOULD BE GOVERNED BY THE USUAL PRACTICE OF EACH STATE, AND THEY SAID THEY THEREFORE SAW NO USEFUL PURPOSE IN TAKING THE MATTER UP IN NATO. US REP SAID HE WOULD REPORT THESE VIEWS TO DEPARTMENT. HILLENBRAND

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